

# SENATE WATCH

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# **BUDGETS**

## SB 266 (Johnson)

# Military Affairs budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 266 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 266 passed with IE [RC 87:37 yes, 1 no].

#### SB 270 (Johnson)

## General Government budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Garcia 1A was adopted [no RC]. This strikes contingency funds for the Attorney General and Secretary of State departments.
- Garcia 1B was adopted [no RC]. While this puts the Attorney General and Secretary of State offices under the state hiring freeze, it also allows them to male their own decisions on whether or not to adhere to the freeze.
- Garcia 1C was adopted [no RC]. This cuts Senate and Legislative Council funding by 5.5%.
- SB 270 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- PRUSI 1 was defeated [no RC]. This would delete language allowing the Attorney General's office to keep prisoner reimbursement funds. Dems: This money should go back to the general budget fund, just like with all other departments. Republicans are playing political games to benefit the Republican Attorney General.
- SCOTT 2 was defeated [RC 81: 17 yes, 21 no (GOP)]. This would restore \$1 million for the Department of Civil Rights.
- SWITALSKI 3 was defeated [no RC]. This would adopt a uniformed policy requiring the hiring freeze. The Attorney General and Secretary of State offices could <u>not</u> exempt themselves out of the freeze. It would strike the special exemption language contained in Garcia 1B.

- SB 270 passed with IE [RC 82: 23 yes, 15 no (Dems)]. Democrats voted against this budget because of the special exemptions and funding given to the Attorney General and Secretary of State offices.
- Sen. Hammerstrom moved to reconsider passage of SB 270. She then moved to postpone her motion temporarily. Her motions passed. The bill was reconsidered [no RC].
- Sikkema 4 was adopted [no RC]. This cuts funding to the Dept. of Management and Budget, Treasury, etc. and uses the money for the Dept. of Civil Rights.
- SB 270 passed with IE [RC 89: 22 yes, 15 no (Dems)]. Democrats voted against this budget because of the special exemptions and funding given to the Attorney General and Secretary of State offices.

# SB 279 (Johnson)

## History, Arts and Libraries budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Hardiman 1A was adopted [no RC]. This provides additional funding for \$150,000 for special collections (\$150,000), Detroit Public Library (\$100,000) and Grand rapids Public Library (\$50,000).
- George 1B was adopted [no RC]. This requires data collection and reports on use of special (book) collections.
- George 1C was adopted [no RC]. This requires special (book/document) collections to maintain night and weekend hours.
- SB 279 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- CLARKE 1 was defeated [no RC]. This would restore funding to the Governor's budget recommendations. It would also increase funding for the Detroit Public Library.
- CLARKE was defeated [RC]. This would restore "administrative efficiency" language this would encourage the government agency to become more efficient, saving taxpayers money. The agency would be able t keep one-half of all unspent revenues.
- Johnson 3 was adopted [no RC]. This requires contingency funds be approved by the full legislature, not just the appropriation committees, as is now the case.
- SB 279 passed with IE [RC 85: 30 yes, 7 no].

#### SB 283 (Johnson)

## Family Independence Agency budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- CHERRY 1A was defeated [no RC]. This would remove the section of the bill prohibiting FIA to advertise on billboards.

- George 1B was withdrawn. This would have required FIA to reduce (unless restricted by federal law) all advertising contracts by 20%. This was withdrawn after the CHERRY 1A amendment was defeated.
- SCHAUER was defeated [RC]. This would require continuation of the contract with the Michigan foster care and adoptive parents association.
- SB 283 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- CHERRY 1 was defeated [RC 83: 17 yes 21 no]. This would have removed the section of the bill prohibiting FIA to advertise on billboards. (Same as CHERRY 1A).
- George 1B was withdrawn. (Same as George 1B)
- SB 283 passed with IE [RC 84:38 yes, 0 no].

#### SB 288 (Johnson)

## Agriculture budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- THOMAS 1B was withdrawn.
- THOMAS 1B was defeated [RC]. This would have allowed the state fair to spend \$1 million of additional state fair revenue.
- SB 288 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SB 288 passed with IE [RC 86: 36 yes, 0 no].

#### HB 4032 (Shulman)

## Supplemental budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Cropsey 1A was adopted [no RC]. This appropriates \$15.9 million of federal funds for hazardous waste programs.
- Johnson 1B was adopted [no RC]. This requires year-end balances (surpluses) to go to the state's Rainy Day Fund.
- Johnson 1C was adopted [no RC]. This technical amendment corrects language concerning language to ensure continued funding for 34 new road projects across the state. Gov. Granholm proposed fixing existing roads before expanding/building new roads.
- McManus 1D was adopted [no RC]. This appropriates \$1.5 million from the cleanup and redevelopment trust fund for payment of summer state property taxes to local communities.
- Stamas 1E was withdrawn. (See amendment Stamas 1G)

- Hardiman 1F was adopted [no RC].
- Stamas 1G was withdrawn. This appropriates \$48 million for hospital and therapy by cutting health plan services.
- HB 4032 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading.
- SCHAUER 1 was defeated [RC 77:13 yes, 24 no]. This would delete \$2.2 million in emergency disaster relief funding for Oakland county.
- PRUSI 2 was defeated [RC 78: 16 yes, 22 no]. This would delete language allowing the Attorney General's office to keep prisoner reimbursement funds. Dems: This money should go back to the general budget fund, just like with all other departments. Republicans are playing political games to benefit the Republican Attorney General.
- SCOTT 3 was defeated [RC 79:10 yes, 25 no]. This would provide \$1.5 million to reimburse the city of Detroit for its public school board election.
- HB 4032 passed with IE [RC 80: 28 yes, 10 no].
- Sen. Hammerstrom moved to reconsider passage of HB 4032. She then moved to postpone her motion temporarily. Her motions passed. At the end of session, Sen. Hammerstrom withdrew her motion.

# FINAL PASSAGE

## SB 364 (Jelinek)

Current law requires that school districts offer a minimum of 180 days and 1,098 hours of instruction. This bill removes the 180 day requirement. It also strikes the provision that 75% of the students need to be in attendance in order to count a day as a day of instruction for state aid purposes.

Opposed: State Board of Education, Michigan Catholic Conference, Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, Michigan Federation of Teachers, Michigan Education Association.

- SB 364 was amended during the 4/30 session.
- CLARK-COLEMAN/Kuipers 1 was adopted [no RC]. Tie-bar to HB 4453 A bill to change public school employee retirement system from number of days worked to number of hours worked.
- Cropsey 2 was adopted [no RC]. This would increase, from 15 to 30, the number of emergency hours a school could miss.
- SB 364 passed [RC 76: 38 yes, 0 no].

## **SB 397 (Allen)**

The bill simply provides that there will be no statewide presidential primary (i.e., Republican presidential primary) in 2004.

• SB 397 was moved to 3<sup>nl</sup> Reading. No amendments. (4/30)

• SB 397 passed [RC 73:38 yes, 0 no].

#### **HB 4078 (Hummel)**

This bill would amend the current specific location requirements for certain district courts. Currently, in a first class district (a court district consisting of one or more counties) the court is required to sit at each county seat and at each city having a population of 3,250 or more unless the city is contiguous to the county seat or to a city having a greater population. This bill would provide that a district court would be required to sit in any city having a population of 6,500 (as opposed to the current 3,250) or more in any first class consisting of one county with a population greater than 130,000, unless the city is contiguous to the county seat or to a city having a greater population.

- HB 4078 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments. (4/30)
- HB 4078 passed [RC 75:38 yes, 0 no].

## HB 4086 (Middaugh)

House Bill 4086 reduces the offense classification for driving a vehicle with expired registration plates or tabs from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction for individuals operating a personal vehicle with a fine of not more than \$100.

- HB 4086 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments. (4/30)
- HB 4086 passed [RC 74: 38 yes, 0 no].

#### HB 4332 (Shackleton)

HB 4332 would mandate that local governments provide death pension payments to remarried widows of public safety officers who died in the line of duty.

- HB 4332 was moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. No amendments. (4/30)
- BASHAM 1 was defeated [RC 71: 16 yes (Dems), 22 no]. This would have expanded those who could have claimed death benefits.
- HB 4332 passed [RC 72:16 yes, 22 no].